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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification,

At page 1, the paragraph inserted, after line 5, by the Preliminary Amendment filed July 16, 2003 and further amended by the Examiner's Amendment mailed September 22, 2005 has been replaced in its entirety with the following paragraph,

--This is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 09/868,354, filed June 15, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,692,325, which is a national stage application under 35 U.S.C. 371 of PCT/JP00/07224, filed October 18, 2000.--

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on July 16, 2003 was filed before the mailing date of the Notice of Allowability on September 22, 2005. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement has been considered by the examiner. Herewith are initialed and signed copies of the PTO-1449 documents.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mariceli Santiago whose telephone number is (571) 272-2464. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nimesh Patel, can be reached on (571) 272-2457. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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